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POSTS IN AIR AND DOORDARSHAN
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vacant posts in various cadres of AIR and Doordarshan under direct recruitment quota ;

(b) whether instead of recruiting fresh candidates , the department is engaging retired personnel in Programme / Administrative cardres ; (

(c) if so , the reason therefore ;

(d) the extent to which these arrangements will be helpful ; and

(e) the steps taken / proposed to be taken to fill up these vacant posts ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) The Screening Committee of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has cleared 1616 (1184 for AIR and 432 for Doordarshan) vacancies for direct recruitment under Annual Direct Recruitment Plan (ARDP) till now.

(b) (c) & (d) There is a shortage of specialized manpower in AIR and Doordarshan as no recruitment is taking place because the status of Prasar Bharati employees is under consideration of GOM. A few retired personnel have been engaged on contract basis for a limited period to ensure that important and specialized works of Prasar Bharati does not suffer.

(e) After clearance of the vacancies for direct recruitment by the Screening Committee under ADRP , Prasar Bharati has initiated action to fill up these vacancies at the earliest.